Linking Madhya Pradesh with Delhi By S.T.D.

5089. SHRI PHOOL CHAND VERMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the places in Madhya Pradesh which have been linked by S.T.D. with Delhi during 1990-91, and

(b) the places in Madhya Pradesh proposed to be linked with Delhi by S.T.D. during 1991-92?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) Balaghat, Nagda, Jhabua, Berasia, Adampur, Nisrod and Obedullaganj have been linked by S.T.D. during the year 1990-91.

(b) 14 more stations in Madhya Pradesh are proposed to be provided with the STD facility during 91-92 viz. Damoh (since connected) Mandala,Guna, Shivpuri, Betul, Sidhi, Chatarpur, Narasinghpur, Panna, Rajgarh, Shadol, Shajapur, Tikamgarh & Singrauli.

Telephone Connection to Village Panchayats in Keonjhar District of Orissa

5090. SHRI GOVINDA CHANDRA MUNDA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the number of village Panchayats in Keonjhar district of Orissa provided with telephone connections during the Seventh Five Year Plan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI P.V. RANGAYYA NAIDU): (a) 41 Village Panchayats were provided with Telephone Facilities in Keonjhar District of Orissa during the 7th Five Year Plan.

Rainfed Agriculture

5091. SHRI MANJAY LAL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether large number of farmers are involved in agricultural activities in rainfed areas;

(b) if so, the number and percentage thereof;

(c) whether the average production on rainfed land is comparatively lower than that of irrigated land;

(d) if so, the average foodgrain production in both these lands, separately; and

(e) the schemes formulated to raise the productivity in rainfed areas?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to 1985-86 Agricultural Census, out of 94.91 million operational holdings in the country-41.88 million (44.12%) received irrigation partly or wholly and 53.03 million (55.88%) were unirrigated.

(c) & (d). Yes, Sir. The average production of foodgrains crops in irrigated and unirrigated lands is as under: